

## House Resolution No. 909

**Whereas**, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company of Pilot Grove is celebrating its One Hundredth Anniversary as a telecommunications enterprise which has grown considerably down through the years in both service area and features offered; and

**Whereas**, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company was formed by a merger of Gilliam Telephone Company, founded on May 18, 1903, and Marshall Junction Telephone Company, which was established in May 1928 with Harold A. Jones as Supervisor; and

**Whereas**, in order to simplify bookkeeping, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company was created from the two earlier companies in November 1932 and inherited the metallic lines which provided services to area businesses; and

**Whereas**, after its formal establishment Mid-Missouri Telephone Company acquired Thomas J. Davis Telephone; Blackwater-Arrow Rock Telephone Company; United Telephone Company's exchanges in Nelson, Pilot Grove, and Bunceton; and the exchanges which serviced Fortuna, Speed, Latham, High Point, and Miami to complete a twelve-exchange company which extended one hundred miles from north to south; and

**Whereas**, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company emphasized conversion to the latest in technology throughout its history as evidenced by its push for modern dialing and direct dialing capabilities, its becoming an Internet Service Provider, and its offering Caller ID, Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling, DSL High Speed Internet, ISDN Digital Service, Voice Mail, and Gold Star 1 Nationwide services; and

**Whereas**, after the Jones family retired and a new board of directors was elected, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company began the new millennium with a new management structure, a new logo, co-Chief Executive Officers in the persons of Denise Day and Gary Romig, and a renewed commitment for business expansion, volunteerism, and such community donations as scholarships and grants:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar communications history embodied in the work and accomplishments of Mid-Missouri Telephone Company owners and employees and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of their business; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mid-Missouri Telephone Company of Pilot Grove.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Crawford  
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 909, adopted March 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker